

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

At page 1, please insert the following:

"This application is a National Stage application of PCT/CA98/00884, filed September 18, 1998."

At page 4, please amend lines 10-13 so that they now read:

"In accordance with the present invention there is provided a hGT1 gene containing transcribed polymorphic CAG repeat, which comprises a sequence as set forth in Fig. 3 and Figs. 4A-4E."

At page 7, please amend lines 14-19 so that they now read:

"Fig. 1 illustrates the average allelic lengths of the GCT10D04 EST CAG repeat in controls, responsive (R) and non-responsive (NR) patients, showing the shorter (s) allele only (Fig. 1A), longer (L) allele only (Fig. 1B) and the sum (L+S) of the two alleles (Fig. 1C) in the three groups of subjects;"

At page 7, please amend lines 27-30 so that they now read:

"Figs. 4A-4E illustrate the nucleotide sequence of hGT1 (SEQ ID NO:5), wherein the upstream intron is in lowercase; Human gene sequence (exon) is in upper case; and the translation start site ATG is boxed ".

At page 8, please amend lines 30-32 so that they now read:

"The GT1 sequence which includes an open-reading frame (ORF encoding 1755 amino acids without interruption) shows 85% homology to the mouse cDNA (Figs. 4A-4E). The sequence of GT1 is from one large (5276 bp) Bam HI fragment and three Pst I fragments (672, 200 and 371 bps). This ORF is preceded by 490 bps, including a 470 bps intron".